GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
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POVERTY ALLEVIATION PROGRAMME IN KERALA
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) the financial assistance given by the Union Government under the Poverty Alleviation Programme to Kerala alongwith the amount spent by the State Government during each of the last three years;

(b) whether the Union Government have received any project from the Government of Kerala in this regard; and

(c) if so, the details thereof;

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA)

(a): The Ministry of Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation has been implementing Swarna Jayanti Shahari Rojgar Yojana (SJSRY), a Centrally Sponsored urban poverty alleviation programme, w.e.f. 1.12.1997 with a view to provide gainful employment to the urban unemployed or underemployed poor through

(i) encouraging the setting up of self-employment ventures by those who have read upto 9th standard and
(ii) provision of wage employment. The details of Central funds released to and expenditure out of it as reported by the Government of Kerala are as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

YEAR	CENTRAL FUND RELEASED	EXPENDITURE REPORTED
As on 1.12.1997+	353.75	-
1997-98	202.99	513.19
1998-99	377.09	420.64
1999-2000	448.32	354.57
2000-2001	256.50	Not yet reported

+ unspent balance of erstwhile programmes subsumed in SJSRY.

(b)&(c): Yes, Sir, a proposal on `Slum free capital city: Thrivananthapuram` for the `Cities Alliance for cities without slums` under Italian assistance to be launched by the World Bank and UNCHS(Habitat) for eradication of urban poverty has been received from the Government of Kerala.